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1. After the war the Russians dismantled all Polish installations for the production of synthetic gasoline, but at the present time reconstruction has been started on plants at Dwory (Q51/Y74) and possibly at Politz (Police). Work on the Dwory plant was begun in 1947, and it was initially planned that the plant would produce 200,000 tons of synthetic gasoline per year. However, the failure of Eastern Germany to deliver the required machinery forced a considerable cut in plans, and one source states that not more than 20,000 tons a year can be produced in the plant at present.

2. A generally reliable source says that the plant at Politz (054/Q57) has been rebuilt and now produces some gasoline. About 4,000 workers have been engaged in rebuilding the plant during the past year, and machinery will be delivered from Eastern Germany. It is not known how much machinery has been received.

3. Little information is available on other plants in Poland, but it is known that at Konin (P53/018), a plant is being planned which will produce 50,000 tons of synthetic gasoline per year. It is expected that machinery will be delivered from Eastern Germany during the latter half of 1950, and full production is not expected before the latter half of 1951. At Luban (Lauban-052/B20) in Silesia a plant is planned with a production rate of from 20,000 to 25,000 tons a year, but production will probably not begin until 1951. The raw material used in synthetic oil production is generally brown coal.

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